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- * DEATH OF PUPPET MOHAMMAD SUHAIL ZAFINAN WHO HEADED ENEMY FORCES.
- * ATTACK ON RASYOUT MARINE PORT WHICH IS TWENTY KILOMETRES AWAY FROM THE CAPITAL SALLALAH TO THE WEST AND FIERCE BATTLES TAKE PLACE WITH ENEMY FORCES IN NORTH OF ABU KHUSEIFA.
- * FIFTEEN SUCCESSFUL ATTACKS LAUNCHED DURING SECOND WEEK OF MARCH ON ENEMY POSITIONS IN NORTH SARFEET.
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MILITARY REPORT

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ISSUED BY FORCES OF PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY, DHOFAR REGION

The report of the second week of Marh contains twenty two operations and attacks launched by the forces of the People's Liberation Army and People's Militia against the British enemy and his reactionary stooges forces. In the Eastern Region our forces waged fierce battles in the north of Wadi Hanna and repelled the enemy forces and puppet Mohammad Suhail Zafinan who was on top of the enemy forces was killed. Our forces also launched an attack on Kheisal camp. At al-Mammar our revolutionaries launched an attack on Rasyout port which is situated about 20 kilometres to the west of Sallalah. Our patriots also waged fierce battles with the enemy forces in the north of Abu Khuseifa. In the north of Sarfeetour patriots launched fifteen attacks which were successful on the enemy positions inflicting upon him heavy losses in life and equipment and hitting one helicopter. The following are details of these attacks and operations:-

EASTERN REGION:

On 5th March, at noon, our patriots launched an attack on the enemy camp at Kheisal using artillery which continued to shell the area for half an hour. Due to the heaviness of firing and direct hits, the enemy members fled from their positions to outside the camp. The enemy losses included the setting of fire to the enemy positions and the destruction of two positions and injury of a number of enemy members.

In the morning of 13th March, 1973, the enemy forces infiltrated into Dahq Ottein, north of Wadi Hanna. At seven a group of forces from the People's Liberation Army engaged the enemy forces using machine-guns from close distances. Our forces withdrew and resumed the attack when the enemy was evacuating the dead and injured under cover of air bombing and heavy artillery. A helicopter was seen later removing the dead and injured of the enemy.

On 15th March the forces of the British enemy and his reactionary stooges, which advanced with two battalions on the highlands of north Wadi Hanna, moved with the aim of terrorising the citizens and torturing them in these planes. On top of the enemy forces was puppet Mohammad Suhail Zafinan. The forces of the 9th June revolution were in wait for the enemy forces and waged a hot battle with them in the north of the Wadi during which the enemy lost five members between killed and wounded. Those killed included puppet Mohammad Suhail Zafinan. The radio of the authority in Sallalah admitted his death. Our losses was the martyrdom of patriot Comrade Ramadhan Abu Youssef.

AL-MAMMAR

In the evening of 8th March, 1973, our revolutionaries attacked the marine port of the enemy at Rasyout which is situated to the north of Sallalah with artillery which shelled the port installations and enemy defensive positions causing grave damages.

At ten in the morning of 9th March, the enemy advanced from his centre at Abu Khuseifa to the north. Our forces confronted the colonialists and their stooges and engaged them in fierce clashes which continued from ten in the morning to six in the evening during which our forces used all light and medium weapons.

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Enemy losses were the death and injury of 14 members. Helicopters were seen removing them from the battleground. Our losses was the injury of Comrade Ali Salem Amer who was unable to withdraw and fell in captivity. At eight on the same day, the sniping group carried out a sniping operation against the enemy members at Matabrani centre. The fire of the snipers hit three enemy members.

At seven in the morning of 10th March, our patriots attacked the enemy forces in the north of Abu Khuseifa. The clash continued with the enemy forces upto one thirty in the afternoon, during which the enemy was seeking the help of fighter planes. These planes later covered the withdrawal of the enemy to Abu Khuseifa centre. Enemy losses included four members between killed and wounded.

WESTERN REGION:

In the Western Region the forces of the People's Liberation Army and People's militia launched fifteen successful attacks on the enemy positions in the north of Sarfeet during the second week of March using heavy artillery which hit the enemy positions. It is understood that a large number of these positions were destroyed and fire was set more than one to the enemy tents and positions. During the attacks of our patriots the enemy was combing with his aircraft the neighbouring areas in a desperate attempt to check off the attacks but in vain. The enemy members were seen more than once abandoning their positions and escaping the fire of our patriots. The attacks launched on 13th March were the fiercest ones.

On this day our patriots attacked the enemy positions four times with artillery which destroyed a number of defensive positions of the enemy and injured and killed a number of enemy members. These operations were launched in the name of patriot martyr Saeed Ghanem Arruwa'i. During these operations the enemy was combing with fighter planes nearby areas but without realising the target. At the same time helicopters tried to land on the enemy positions to remove the casualties but were intercepted by our fire which hit one of them seen ablaze.

TOTAL LOSSES OF THE ENEMY FORCES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) Death and Injury of 47 enemy members
- 2) Hitting of one helicopter
- 3) Destruction of 23 positions and a watch tower and the setting up of fire to more than one enemy position

Our losses included the martyrdom of Patriot Ramadhan Abu Youssef and the injury of Comrade Ali Salem Amer who fell in captivity.

IRAN:

MILITARY COOPERATION AGAINST GULF BETWEEN IRAN AND ISRAEL

The Israeli newspaper "Haaron Lam Hazay" revealed the closer bilateral relations between Iran and Israel, when it announced that for the importance of protecting oil through the Arabian Gulf, an Israeli naval presence was reinforced at the southern entrance of the Red Sea. Cooperation was also reinforced between the Iranian and Israeli navies. Moreover the occupation by Iran of the Onani islands ensured the continuation of the pouring of Iranian oil into Bilath.

This open Iranian-Israeli cooperation on the continuation of the flooding of Iranian oil into Israeli is only one of the faces of the many cooperation existing between the two countries which are linked with American imperialism. During the recent period Assayad newspaper published about the military cooperation between the two countries and how the Iranian government hosted Marcel Tobias, one of the Israeli patatroop leaders who played a prominent role against the inhabitants of the Western Sector and the Golan heights during the war of June, 1967. In view of that fact that his visit to Iran lengthened for three weeks, it is believed this has connection with the establishment of Iranian patatroop units in order to undertake military acts in the area of the Arabian Gulf and the Red Sea.

CAIRO:

ARAB STUDENTS FEDERATIONS AND LEAGUES IN CAIRO
RESENT REPRESSION OF QATAR STUDENTS GATHERINGS

The Arab Student federations and leagues in Cairo issued a statement in which they resented strongly the breaking of the first 'Qatar Student Gathering' in Cairo by the State of Qatar. They also declare support for the establishment of the League of Qatar Students as a legitimate right.

During the recent period a League of Qatar Students was established in Cairo for creating a specific frame for them to exercise through their activities and meetings. But such legitimate act, which is one of their simplest rights, shook the State of Qatar completely, from the Ruler to the Council of Ministers and the Advisers.

This made the Ruler send the Minister of Education to Cairo to force the students dissolve their league through terrorism and threats to withdraw their passports and student scholarships. He also threatened them of arrests.

Such behaviour by the officials in the State of Qatar firmly proves contradiction with the simplest democratic rights claimed by the ruling authority and affirms the extent of the reactionary regime and its oppression against the rights of the Qatar people.

OMAN

ARAB WORK PARTY IN OMAN ISSUES STATEMENT ON ARRESTS
NOW TAKING PLACE IN OMAN

The Arab Work Party in Oman issued a statement on the arrests now taking place in the Sultanate and in the so-called Federation of Emirates. The statement drew the attention of the progressive and democratic forces in the Arab world and in the world to the arrest campaigns and torture exercised against our people. After the party reviewed in its statement the history of the colonialist interference and its plan in the arena of Oman and the Arabian Gulf and the struggles of our people, it appealed to all democratic and progressive forces in the Arab arena and all peace and freedom-loving forces in the world to stand by the side of our people and to launch a resentment campaign to save the lives of the detainees in the prisons of the Sultanate and Abu Dhabi.

OMAN:

MASSIVE DEMONSTRATIONS IN PROTEST AGAINST THE
PUPPET AUTHORITY IN MUSCAT FOR ARRESTING WOMEN

The extensive series of arrests launched by the British and Jordanian intelligence services in the Sultanate of Qaboos against the masses of our patriot Omani people covered different groups of the people including the women. In Qoor the puppet authority arrested eight female citizens and took them to the capital in Muscat for interrogating them, and putting them in the cells. The citizens protested against such coward act and staged an extensive demonstration in which the women and youth and students took part to express protest. The demonstrations started from the Suq (market) area to the area where the residence of the governor is situated. But the forces of the army stood against the procession of the citizens and started to open fire in the air in order to terrorise them, and not to make them reach the headquarters of the governor. Following this demonstration the authority arrested 20 other citizens and threw them in prison. They also resorted in a repressive manner to the arrest of the wives of some detainees without any charge against these women.

LEBANON

STATEMENT ISSUED BY CONFEDERATION OF STUDENTS OF ARABIAN GULF
AND OMAN IN LEBANON ON ARRESTS IN AREA

The Confederation of Students of Oman and the Arabian Gulf in Lebanon issued a statement in which it declared resentment over the extensive arrest campaign launched by the puppet authorities in Muscat and Abu Dhabi which covered a large number of students, workers, employees, men of religion and women, and how this arrest campaign came at a time in which arrests took place in Bahrain. All this reveals the terroristic plan of the authority which aims at hitting and liquidating the national forces in the area of Oman and the Arabian Gulf after the escalation of

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All this reveals the terroristic plan of the authority which aims at hitting and liquidating the national forces in the area of Oman and the Arabian Gulf after the escalation of the massive struggle all over the area and the intensification of the military and political campaigns which disturbed the puppet authorities and made exercise and practice such repressive campaigns against the honest citizens.

ADEN:

MARTYRDOM OF PATRIOT COMRADE MOHAMMAD MAHMOOD AL-ASWAD (GUEVARA)
GAZA, MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE POPULAR FRONT FOR
THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE

COMRADE GEORGE HABBASH ADDRESSES MESSAGE TO MASSES IN GAZA

Following the bold operations waged by the revolutionaries of the People's Front for the Liberation of Palestine in the occupied Gaza Strip during the past two weeks in which the inflicted upon the Zionist enemy heavy losses, Comrade Mohammad Mahmood Musleh al-Aswad, (Guevara of Gaza), member of the Political Bureau of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and commander of the Popular Front in the Gaza Strip was martyred along with Comrades Kamel Abdel Aziz al-Hadi and Abdel Hadi Ibrahim Abdulaziz al-Hayek, a leading comrade in Gaza.

The martyrdom of this patriot militant who was chased by the authorities of the Zionist occupation since 1969 after spending in prison nearly one complete year, comes to give a most wonderful example in steadfastness and sacrifice.

Since September, 1970 and after the salving of the resistance and attempt to liquidate it in Jordan in fulfilment of the imperialist plans, the Zionist enemy concentrated his efforts on the Gaza strip in order to crush the blazing flame which remained to be lit by the resistance there and which was expressing the determination to the Palestinian people to continue the revolution and struggle up to the last breath. The masses there were directing tough blows to the enemy in spite of his fierceness in order to write in the pages of history the legends of patriotism carried out by the patriot militants.

The People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf stands today in tribute and admiration in front of the martyrdom of the second member of the members of the Political Bureau of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine as it stood yesterday in front of the martyrdom of Comrade Ghassan Kanfani who was the victim of Zionist malice. It also announces to the masses of the people in the area of Oman and the Arabian Gulf and the whole Arab and world progressive forces its support for the just struggle waged by the Palestinian masses against the Zionist enemy. It also rejects all submissive solutions which aim at liquidating the Palestine resistance in the Arab arena.

Comrade George Habbash, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, addressed a message to the masses of the people in Gaza in which he spoke about the patriotic struggle waged by the Gaza masses and how Gaza foiled all attempts at destroying the morale of the revolution. Comrade George Habbash said: "The enemy can direct to us tens and hundreds of blows, but he cannot kill in us the will to fight or stop us from continuing the march on the same path, the long-term and just path of people's liberation war which will realise victory for us."

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Comrade George Habbash added by calling upon the masses of the Palestinian people in Gaza to take lessons from every blow directed to us by the enemy and to become more determined to prove to the enemy that Guevara and his comrades were only expressing the wishes of the masses and that the enemy who killed Guevara cannot kill the will of the masses.

MESSAGE TO COMRADE GEORGE HABBASH ON MARTYRDOM
OF GUEVARA GAZA

The Central Executive Committee of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf sent a message of condolence to Comrade George Habbash, Secretary General of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine on the martyrdom of Comrade Mohammad Mahnood al-Lswad (Guevara of Gaza) and his two comrades. The following is the text of the message:-

"We condole you on the martyrdom of Comrade Mohammad Mahnood al-Lswad (Guevara of Gaza) and his two comrade militants Kamel al-Unsi and Abdul Hadi al-Hayek. The struggle of the Comrade Guevara and his two comrades and the struggle of our brave masses in Gaza is a lively proof of the ability of our Palestinian, their endless ability, and insistence and complete determination to wage the liberation war. We are confident that the martyrdom of the comrades will create one thousand other Guevara who will wrest victory. Longlive the Palestinian revolution victorious."

MOROCCO:

NATIONAL UNION SUPPORTS STRUGGLE IN YEMEN AND ARABIAN GULF

The meeting of the administrative committee of the National Union of Popular Forces in Morocco in December, 1972, in which it reviewed the present situation in the Arabian Peninsula, Yemen and the Arabian Gulf and how the revolutionary forces in Yemen and the Arabian Gulf face since a long time the plans of imperialism, feudalism and Arab reaction in the area topped by the idolist regime in Saudi Arabia, and that this plan aims at protecting the oil monopolies and encircling the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen as well as launching a series of wars over the borders.

"Therefore, the Administrative Committee of the National Union of Popular Forces condemns all imperialist and reactionary plans aiming at concentrating the military and economic influence on the strategic areas in the Arab homeland and reaffirms its complete support for the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf in the Gulf and the National Front in Democratic Yemen and all national and progressive forces in the countries of the Arabian Peninsula."

ON PETROL IN OUR COUNTRY

No doubt that the trivial thing is to speak about petrol in our country where the ground in the Gulf and surrounding areas contains vast quantities of oil, the vein of modern industry. Of course this has its clear effects on the area situation and the political developments and the total confrontation between the national forces and the forces of imperialism and reaction.

The discovery of oil and its exploitation have had great effect on the arena of Oman and the Gulf as with the development of the oil industry this area was attached, in a very deep manner, to the world capitalist market and affected the social and political matters of affairs since it created the modern working class and changed the conditions of ruling feudal families from families from families with little significance than the whole social classes and having the main task of safeguarding the interests of Britain into a class with vast financial potentialities having in hand the huge wealths. Oil money and royalties poured in for oil monopolistic companies to swallow the biggest and largest part of them throwing away only the crumbs to the puppet ruling families. But the crumbs of oil are the deserted tables particularly in connection with the population status. The oil royalties obtained by the areas of Oman and the Gulf were used to liquify the conflicts within the society and to build up the society in a way serving the interests of colonialism and the sheikhs and to launch an imperialist war fiercely against the revolution of 9th June.

Continuously the petroleum companies plan an attempt to race time and try to lay down solutions for confronting the national and progressive developments in areas of the world. Throughout the past fifty years the monopolistic companies laid down continuously plans and projects aiming at ensuring their continuation to exploit these vast wealths of oil. The partnership agreement concluded recently was only one of these plans which aim at rallying around the stressing and correct demand - nationalisation - and for placing the world monetary balance in the interest of America and the capitalist world.

Our people themselves know the reasons for the backwardness they are in in spite of everything written and said about the country of oil. They know why a minor group lives lavishly and loots the wealth while hundreds of thousands of human beings do not find the medicine, food or even ordinary cloths. They also know why this fierce war is launched and know why many of the Arab national forces ignored their national responsibilities towards our people and their wealth. The reason for this is the control of imperialism and its reactionary puppets over the oil wealths of our country and their continued insistence to keep this control and influence in force.

Three main points are to be confirmed here. These are:

- 1) That our area, as we said, is rich with oil, and this wealth is increasing as every day new discoveries are announced. There are many areas in which exploration did not take place. The petrol industry and exploitation in the Gulf is the most profitable industry to the imperialists.

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- 2) The needs of the imperialists, topped by America, is increasing continuously and talk about the crisis of world energies and the needs of America in 1980 is from this point.
- 3) The imperialists are fully insisting upon safeguarding their exploitative positions and defending them fiercely. This increases the tension and duration of the confrontation between the revolution and the forces of imperialism.

But the revolution will become victorious whatever be the length or greatness of the sacrifices.

ZAID'S FEDERATION AND THE ARRESTS

It is understood that the extensive arrest campaign which took place in the State of Arab Emirates during the past months covered 64 citizens of Dhofar region working in the forces of the puppet State and Oman Trucial Scout at Sharjah. Those citizens who were arrested without charge left behind their families without anyone looking after them. Their relatives are not allowed to see them and the fate of these detainees is not known upto now.

However, the French News Agency, published a report from Beirut yesterday saying that 37 non-commissioned officers from the army of the State of Arab Emirates were arrested on 28th February in a camp near Sharjah and that the accusation directed to them is their participation in preparing a military coup in the State. It is also understood that the puppet authorities in Abu Dhabi arrested a large number of Omanis residing in the Emirates and handed them over to the puppet authorities in Muscat. The French News Agency said that the arrested officers included Major Ali Saeed, commander of the armoured brigade, and Mulazims Ali Salem and Sabah Khalifa and Fareh and Saeed. It said that the Defence Minister Mohammad bin Rashed, supervises, beside the British head of the security machineries, interrogation with the detainees. The agency added that this move was aimed at the same time at arresting the Brigadier, the British commander of the Defensive forces of the State of Emirates.

It is worth recalling that the puppet authorities in Oman resort to creating unjustified charges when they attempt to carry out terroristic campaign against the citizens. In Muscat the puppet authorities accused the detainees of trying to plan the military coup against Qaboos. But the comprehensiveness of the arrests extended to cover men of religion, teachers, peasants, workers, women and students and proved the falsehood of the allegations of the authority.

The same method is followed by the authorities of the federation of sheikhs which kills the nationalists and stick to them the charge of attempting the coup.